

October 12, 2010

TO: Members of the Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Mayor Scott Smith, Mesa, Chair

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF MEETING AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 20, 2010

MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room

302 N. First Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee is scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference, or by telephone conference call. As determined at the first meeting of the Committee, proxies are not allowed. Members who are not able to attend the meeting are encouraged to submit their comments in writing, so that their view is always a part of the process.

For those attending in person, please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

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Refreshments and a light snack will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Eric Anderson, MAG Transportation Director, or Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

c: MAG Regional Council
MAG Management Committee

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
October 20, 2010**

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3. <u>Call to the Audience</u> An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Transportation Policy Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Transportation Policy Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.	3. Information.
4. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u> Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).	4. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

*4A. <u>Approval of the September 15, 2010, Meeting Minutes</u>	4A. Review and approval of the September 15, 2010, meeting minutes.
*4B. <u>Project Changes – Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program</u> The fiscal year (FY) 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 2010 Update were	4B. Recommend approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and as appropriate, to the Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update.

approved by the MAG Regional Council on July 28, 2010. Since that time, there have been requests from member agencies to modify projects in the programs. The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is requesting to split the SRL303 utility relocation project into individual ones, to revise the scope for a South Mountain project, and add a new pavement preservation project. There are requests to add four new federal Safe Routes to Schools program funded projects. Wickenburg is requesting to move its STP-TEA funded project from 2010 to 2011, and two new transit projects need to be added to the TIP. There are four Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funded projects that requested changes. There have been recommendations on the above requested changes by the Transportation Review Committee, Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee, and the Intelligent Transportation Systems Committee. In addition, requests for deferrals were received for three CMAQ funded projects, two in Cave Creek and one Litchfield Park project. These will be heard for the first time at the Management Committee on October 13, 2010. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*4C. Change in State Route Numbers

The State Transportation Board is renumbering the following freeways: Interstate 10 Reliever Freeway - previously SR-801 - is now State Route (SR)-30, and Williams Gateway Freeway - previously SR-802 - is now SR-24. Board action for SR-24 occurred in September 2010; action for SR-30 is anticipated in January 2011. All ADOT maps are illustrating the new route numbers.

4C. Information.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

5. 2010 Annual Report on the Status of the Implementation of Proposition 400

Proposition 400 was approved by the voters of Maricopa County in November 2004, and authorized the extension of a half-cent sales tax for

5. Information and discussion.

use on transportation projects in the MAG Regional Transportation Plan. A.R.S. 28-6354 requires that MAG issue an annual report on projects included in Proposition 400, addressing factors such as project status, funding, and priorities. The 2010 Annual Report is the sixth report in this series and covers the status of the life cycle programs for freeways/highways, arterial streets, and transit. A Summary of Findings and Issues is included in the attached material and the full report is available on the MAG website. This item was presented to the MAG Transportation Review Committee on September 23, 2010, for information and discussion. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. Use of Public Private Partnerships in the MAG Region

The September 2010 meeting included a presentation and discussion of the types of P3 projects that may be applicable for the MAG region. A major part of the discussion centered on the concept of managed lanes, which include allowing toll-paying, single occupant vehicles to use the HOV lanes. The concept of managed lanes that use dynamic pricing to maintain minimum speeds or travel times was discussed. Action on the proposed recommendation to initiate a Managed Lane Feasibility study and a public opinion survey was deferred pending a discussion of the policy basis for using P3s in the MAG region could be held and a preliminary draft scope of work for the study. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Local Transportation Assistance Fund

At the July 21, 2010 meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee, a discussion was held concerning the loss of the Local Transportation Assistance Fund (LTAF) which was discontinued by the Arizona Legislature this year. A proposed action to support efforts to identify a replacement source for the loss of the LTAF funds was tabled. Concern was expressed by a number of members about approaching the legislature about a

6. Information, discussion and possible action to recommend that MAG conduct a Managed Lane Feasibility Study and public opinion survey on attitudes toward P3s, tollroads, and managed lanes.

7. Information, discussion and possible action to support the League resolution that urges the legislature to fund public transportation programs in Arizona.

replacement source of state transit funding during the next session given the continued state budget deficit. Another question was related to the policy position of the transit operators, in particular, the Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA). At the September 16, 2010 meeting of the Board of Directors of RPTA, the Board voted to support the League of Arizona Cities and Towns resolution that urges the legislature to identify a permanent, designated funding source to support a public transportation program in Arizona. Please see the attached letter from RPTA and the League resolution. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Request for Future Agenda Items

Topics or issues of interest that the Transportation Policy Committee would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting will be requested.

9. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for Transportation Policy Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Transportation Policy Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

Adjournment

8. Information and discussion.

9. Information.